

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  Joffre Baker et al.	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned  Examiner: To Be Assigned
Serial No.: To Be Assigned	<b>Customer No: 09157</b>
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For: CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY FACTOR AND USES THEREFOR	DATE OF DEPOSIT: <u>NOVEMBER 24, 2003</u>

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with Applicant's Rule 53(b) continuation application. Entry of the amendment herein is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.